**Web 2.0 Tools for Teachers and Students**
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**Definitions**

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| Web 2.0 | Users have greater interactive access to the web and can easily create content instead of just reading content online. Examples are blogs, wikis, and RSS. |
| Asynchronous | Online at different times, such as emailing |
| Bandwidth | The amount of data sent along an internet connection |
| Blended Learning | Face-to-face classes that include an online component |
| Blog | An online web journal or basic website. Great for journaling for a class. |
| Course Management System (CMS) | Various programs that help a teacher design and teach online or blended courses. Examples include Moodle (OSS), Blackboard, and Desire2Learn |
| E-Learning | Learning electronically (online courses) |
| Ning (now $$) or Myabui (still free) | A social networking site similar to Facebook, but which can be tailored for classroom use. |
| OSS | Open Source Software—software that is designed by volunteers and distributed freely for the world to use |
| RSS | Really simple syndication—an easy way to follow a blog or website that you like to read frequently. Often people use Google Reader to follow their RSS feeds |
| Search Engine | A program that searches for and organizes information on the web (i.e., Google, Bing, Yahoo) |
| Social Network Sites (often called social networking sites) | "We define social network sites as web-based services that allow individuals to (1) construct a public or semi-public profile within a bounded system, (2) articulate a list of other users with whom they share a connection, and (3) view and traverse their list of connections and those made by others within the system. The nature and nomenclature of these connections may vary from site to site." boyd, d. m., & Ellison, N. B. (2007). Social network sites: Definition, history, and scholarship. *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*, *13*(1), article 11. http://jcmc.indiana.edu/vol13/issue1/boyd.ellison.html |
| Synchronous | Online at the same time, such as instant messaging |
| Web Browser | The application you use to search the web (i.e., Internet Explorer, Firefox, Opera) |
| Wiki | A simple easily created website that requires no technical skills. Great for peer editing/reviewing. |

## Web Browsers

**Firefox**
Although IE is common on all PCs, Firefox is a better web browser. You will have fewer problems opening materials you find on the web. It is also considered safer (fewer virus problems) than IE.
www.mozilla.com/firefox/

## Search Engines

**Google**
One of the best search engines for English language websites.
http://google.com/

**Google Scholar**
A good tool for finding academic materials. http://scholar.google.com/

**<u>Programs you will need to view materials</u>**

**Adobe Flash**
Make sure your Adobe Flash Player is up-to-date.
www.**adobe**.com/products/**flashplayer**/

**Quick Time Movie Player**
You may not need this, but here is a link to Apple's Quick Time Movie Player.
www.apple.com/**quicktime**/download/

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**<u>English Websites for Language Learning</u>**

**<u>Multi-Skill</u>**
**The University of Victoria (NZ) Study Zone**
All levels of language with a focus on reading and grammar http://web2.uvcs.uvic.ca/courses/elc/studyzone/

**English Online France**
A comprehensive website with links to numerous resources on the web. http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/

**<u>Pronunciation</u>**
**The University of Iowa Phonetics website**
Visual representations with sound of discrete sounds of American English
http://www.uiowa.edu/~acadtech/phonetics/#

**Sound Scripting (sentence rhythm)**
Learn ow to help your students learn the rhythm of English.
http://esl.about.com/od/speakingadvanced/a/sscripting.htm
http://www.jamesabela.co.uk/advanced/soundscripting.html

**<u>Vocabulary</u>**

**Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary**
A dictionary for native speakers, but each word is also provided in audio form
http://www.merriam-webster.com/

**Academic Word List**
Exercises based on the most frequent words used in undergraduate textbooks.
http://academicvocabularyexercises.com

**Vocabulary Profiler**
The vocabprofiler uses West's General English Word list (the most common 2000 words of English) and the Academic Vocabulary list (most common university-level words) as a measure of vocabulary complexity.
http://www.lextutor.ca/vp/eng/

**<u>Listening</u>**

**National Public Radio**
Great website with streaming audio and downloadable podcasts on a variety of subjects. Some podcasts include transcripts.
http://npr.org

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**Web 2.0 Tools for Blended Classrooms**

**Course Management Systems**
NiceNet (OSS)                 http://www.nicenet.org/
*Moodle (OSS)*                *http://moodle.org*

**Social Networking**

Nuvvo                           http://nuvvo.com/
Myabui                          https://www.myabui.com/homepage1.aspx
Posterous                       http://posterous.com/
*Twitter  (free)*               *http://twitter.com/*

**Wikis**
*PBWorks*                       *http://www.pbworks.com/*
    (free basic for classroom teachers)
Wikispaces (free basic)         http://www.wikispaces.com/

**Blogs**
Blogger (free basic)            https://www.blogger.com/start
*Wordpress (free basic)*        *http://wordpress.org/*

**Instant Messaging Programs**
*Google Talk (free)*            *http://www.google.com/talk/*
Yahoo Messenger (free)          http://messenger.yahoo.com/
Meebo (free)                    http://www.meebo.com/

**Screencasting (video tutorials)**
*Jing (free basic)*             *http://www.jingproject.com/*

**Audio Recordings**
*Audacity (OSS)*                *http://audacity.sourceforge.net/*

**Quiz Creators**
*Hot Potatoes (OSS)*            *http://hotpot.uvic.ca/*
Quandary (OSS)                  http://www.halfbakedsoftware.com/quandary.php
Discovery School Quiz Ctr
    http://school.discoveryeducation.com/quizcenter/quizcenter.html

**Creative Outlets**
Glogster                        http://www.glogster.com/ (online posters)
Wordle                          http://wordle.net/  (word clouds)
*Prezi*                         *http://prezi.com/  (a presentation editor like PowerPoint)*
VoiceThread                     http://voicethread.com/  (Audio discussion forums)
*YouTube*                       *http://www.youtube.com/  (great videos on a variety of topics)*
*Vimeo*                         *http://vimeo.com/ (post your videos with password protection)*
*Zamzar*                        *http://www.zamzar.com/ (download and convert online video)*

**Cloud Computing**
*DropBox*                       *http://dropbox.com/  (an online flashdrive)*